

**Amendments to and Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A system for handling data requests in a distributed data delivery network, the system comprising:

a data resource request modifier, adapted to intercept and modify a data resource request issued by a user requesting data from said network prior to said data resource request reaching a data server in said network, to create a modified data resource request; and

a data delivery device, adapted to control routing of requested data from a data server in said distributed data delivery network to said user based on said modified data resource request.

2. (original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said data resource request includes a data resource request metafile;

said data resource request modifier is adapted to modify said data resource request metafile to create a modified data resource request metafile included in said modified data resource request; and

said data delivery device is adapted to control routing of said requested data from said data server based on said modified data resource request metafile.

3. (original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said data delivery device issues a response to said user based on said modified data resource request to enable said user to receive said requested data from said data server.

4. (original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said modified data resource request includes data identifying said data server as the data server from which said requested data is to be provided to said user.

5. (original) A system as claimed in claim 4, wherein:  
said data server identified by said data in said modified data resource request is different  
from a data server identified by data in said data resource request prior to  
modification.

6. (currently amended) A system for handling a response to a data request in a  
distributed data delivery network, the system comprising:  
a data response modifier, adapted to intercept and modify a data response issued by a data  
server in said network in response to a data resource request issued by a user  
requesting data from said network, before said response reaches said user, to  
create a modified data response, wherein said modified data response activates  
delivery of the data response from an alternate server in the network; and  
a data delivery device, adapted to control routing of requested data from a the alternate  
data server in said distributed data delivery network to said user based on said  
modified data response.

7. (original) A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein:  
said data response includes a data response metafile;  
said data response modifier is adapted to modify said data response metafile to create a  
modified data response metafile included in said modified data response; and  
said data delivery device is adapted to control routing of said requested data from said  
data server based on said modified data response metafile.

8. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein:  
said data delivery device issues said modified data response to enable said user to receive  
said requested data from said alternate data server.

9. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein:  
said modified data response includes data identifying said alternate data server as the data

server from which said requested data is to be provided to said user.

10. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

said alternate data server identified by said data in said modified data response is different from a data server identified by data in said data response prior to modification.

11. (original) A method for handling data requests in a distributed data delivery network, the method comprising:

intercepting and modifying a data resource request issued by a user requesting data from said network prior to said data resource request reaching a data server in said network, to create a modified data resource request; and  
controlling routing of requested data from a data server in said distributed data delivery network to said user based on said modified data resource request.

12. (original) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein:

said data resource request includes a data resource request metafile;  
said data resource request modifying step includes modifying said data resource request metafile to create a modified data resource request metafile included in said modified data resource request; and  
said controlling step includes controlling routing of said requested data from said data server based on said modified data resource request metafile.

13. (original) A method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

issuing a response to said user based on said modified data resource request to enable said user to receive said requested data from said data server.

14. (original) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein:

said modified data resource request includes data identifying said data server as the data

server from which said requested data is to be provided to said user.

15. (original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

said data server identified by said data in said modified data resource request is different from a data server identified by data in said data resource request prior to modification.

16. (currently amended) A method for handling a response to a data request in a distributed data delivery network, the system comprising:

intercepting and modifying a data response issued by a data server in said network in response to a data resource request issued by a user requesting data from said network, before said response reaches said user, to create a modified data response, wherein said modified data response activates delivery of the data response from an alternate server in the network; and

controlling routing of requested data from a said alternate data server in said distributed data delivery network to said user based on said modified data response.

17. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein:

said data response includes a data response metafile;

said data response modifying step includes modifying said data response metafile to create a modified data response metafile included in said modified data response; and

said controlling step includes controlling routing of said requested data from said alternate data server based on said modified data response metafile.

18. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

issuing said modified data response to enable said user to receive said requested data from said alternate data server.

19. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~6~~ 16, wherein:  
said modified data response includes data identifying said alternate data server as the data  
server from which said requested data is to be provided to said user.

20. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein:  
said alternate data server identified by said data in said modified data response is  
different from a data server identified by data in said data response prior to  
modification.